

# HONEY

Honey production from beekeepers with five or more hives in New York totaled 4.83 million pounds during 1999. This total is down 7 percent from the 1998 production of 5.20 million pounds. A decrease in yield per colony outweighed additional colonies.

The 1999 production was extracted from 69,000 colonies, up 6 percent from the 65,000 colonies in 1998. Honey yield per colony averaged 70 pounds, 12 percent below the 1998 yield. Honey stocks on hand across the

State as of December 15, 1999 totaled 2.08 million pounds, a decrease of 15 percent from the 2.44 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices received by beekeepers in New York averaged 66.0 cents per pound for all methods of sale during 1999, 6 percent less than the 1998 average price of 70.0 cents. Value of honey production for the State in 1999 totaled \$3.19 million, compared with \$3.64 million in 1998.

Table 73. HONEY: Production and Value, 1990-1999 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Colonies of bees	Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Total value	Stocks on Dec. 15
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>1,000 lbs.</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>1,000 dol.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
1990	81	54	4,374	.650	2,843	1,094
1991	77	62	4,774	.620	2,960	1,337
1992	70	66	4,620	.610	2,818	1,802
1993	65	62	4,030	.630	2,539	1,733
1994	68	68	4,624	.630	2,913	2,451
1995	70	75	5,250	.710	3,728	2,100
1996	68	80	5,440	.890	4,842	2,557
1997	72	60	4,320	.850	3,672	2,246
1998	65	80	5,200	.700	3,640	2,444
1999	69	70	4,830	.660	3,188	2,077

<sup>1/</sup> For apiaries with 5 or more colonies.